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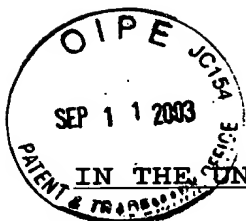
In response to the Office Action of May 9, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as indicated on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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SIR:

Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action of May 9, 2003. The extended period for response expires on September 9, 2003. Please charge the \$110.00 extension fee and any other fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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